# Decree of 22 Augustus 1996 establishing a governmental decree for the implementation of the Hazardous Machinery Act, the 1903 Mining Act, the Continental Shelf Mining Act and the Housing Act with regard to lifts

We Beatrix, by the grace of God Queen of the Netherlands, Princess of Orange Nassau, etc. etc. etc.

At the recommendation of the State Secretary of Social Affairs and Employment of 23 April 1996, Working conditions Directorate, no. ARBO/APM/96/00974, done in agreement with our Minister of Economic Affairs and the State Secretary of Public Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment; Having regard to directive no. 95/16/EG of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union of 29 June 1995 re. the mutual adjustment of the legislation of Member States concerning lifts (*PbEG* L 213);

Having regard to articles 1, first paragraph, preamble and sections *a* and *b*, 2, 3, first and second paragraph, 6, 12, third paragraph, and 25*a* of the Hazardous Machinery Act, article 9, first paragraph sub *a*, of the 1903 Mining Act and article 26, first paragraph, sub *b*, of the Continental Shelf Mining Act, as well as articles 2 and 120 of the Housing Act;

Having heard the advice of the Council of State (advice of 21 June 1996, no. W12.96.0174); Having regard to the report of the State Secretary of Social Affairs and Employment of 15 August 1996, Working Conditions Directorate, no. ARBO/APM/96/01500, issued in agreement our Minister of Economic Affairs and the State Secretary of Public Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment;

We, therefore, having heard the Council of State, and in consultation with the States General, have approved and decreed as We hereby approve and decree:

#### **CHAPTER I. GENERAL TERMS**

- 1. In this decree and the rules based on it, the following terms are used:
  - a. act: Commodities Act;
  - b. directive: directive no. 95/16/EG of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union of 29 June 1995 re. the mutual adjustment of the legislation of Member States concerning lifts (*PbEG* L 213);
  - c. lift: a permanently installed machine in buildings or constructions that serves certain stations of a building or construction, with the aid of a cage that moves along fixed guides that stand at more than 15% with regard to the horizontal plane, and which is destined for the transport of
    - persons,
    - persons and goods,
    - exclusively goods if the cage is accessible fitted with control systems that are situated in the cage or within the reach of a person situated there;
  - d. model lift: a representative lift of which the technical dossier shows how the essential health and safety requirements as stipulated in appendix I of the directive are respected for lifts that are derived from the model defined with the aid of objective parameters and in which lifts identical safety components are used;
  - e. safety components: the lift components referred to in appendix IV of the directive that are essential to its safe working;
  - f. European Economic Area: the territory for which the Agreement concerning the European Economic Area applies;
  - g. designated notified body: a body designated for purposes of the directive pursuant to 7a of the act and registered at the Commission of the European Communities, or by another state that is party to the Agreement concerning European Economic Area for purposes of the directive and registered at the Commission of the European Communities;
  - h. designated body: a body designated for the assessment of lifts pursuant to article 7a if the act;
  - i. builder's lift for persons: temporarily installed lifting device on a construction work serving various stations, fitted with a cage that moves along fixed guides that stand at more than 15% with regard to the horizontal plane, and which is destined for the transport of persons and goods;
  - j. builder's hoist: temporarily installed lifting device fitted with a guided moving lifting surface,

- designed for the transport of goods under the supervision of persons, serving fixed stations, not being a builder's lift for persons;
- k. N, NEN or NEN-EN: Standard issued by the Netherlands Standards Institute or European standard.
- 2. In this decree and the rules based upon it, lifts are also taken to mean: permanently installed lifting devices in the sense of the first paragraph, sub *c*, following a fixed path in space, but not following fixed guides.

### Article 2

For the application of this decree a cage is accessible if a person can enter it without difficulty.

# **Article 3 [Lapsed as per 01-09-2003]**

### Article 4

This decree does not apply to:

- a. cable car installations, including cable tracks for public or private transport of persons;
- b. lifts specially designed and built for military purposes or for maintaining public order;
- c. mining lifts;
- d. theatre/stage lifting devices;
- e. lifts built into means of transport;
- f. lifts connected to a machine and exclusively destined to enable access to the workplace;
- g. cog railways.

# Article 4a. Mutual recognition

- 1. In this decree, builder's lifts for persons and builder's hoists are equated to builder's lifts for persons and builder's hoists that have been lawfully manufactured or sold in another member state of the European Union, or have been lawfully manufactured in a state, not being a member state of the European Union, which is party to the Agreement concerning the European Economic Area and which offer a level of protection equal to the level guaranteed by this decree.
- 2. In this decree, a certificate of approval for a builder's lift for persons or a builder's hoist is equated to a certificate of approval issued by an independent body in another state that is party to the Agreement concerning the European Economic Area, which certificate is issued based on examinations meeting at least equivalent requirements.

# **CHAPTER IA. Prohibitory provisions**

# Article 4b

- 1. It is prohibited to trade, make operational or use lifts and safety components, builder's lifts for persons and builder's hoists that do not comply with the manufacturing regulations applicable to the lifting devices concerned under or pursuant to this decree.
- 2. It is prohibited to trade or use lifts and safety components, builder's lifts for persons and builder's hoists other than under observance of the regulations pertaining to the lifting devices concerned or regulations pursuant to this decree with regard to the indications and notifications.
- 3. It is prohibited to trade or use lifts and safety components, builder's lifts for persons and builder's hoists, if the proscribed agreed assessment and inspection procedures for the lifting devices concerned pursuant to this decree have not been observed.
- **4.** It is prohibited to use lifts and safety components, builder's lifts for persons and builder's hoists other than under observance of the regulations applicable to the lifting devices concerned pursuant to this agreement, or the regulations pursuant to this agreement on the availability of documentation.

## **CHAPTER II. MANUFACTURE**

#### Article 5

- 1. Lifts and safety components are designed and manufactured in such a way and are fitted with such notifications that they do not pose a danger to human health or safety or the safety of goods, excepting pets, when they have adequately been installed and maintained and are used in accordance with their designation.
- 2. Lifts comply with the essential health and safety requirements included in appendix I of the directive.
- 3. Safety components comply with the essential health and safety requirements included in appendix I of the directive or are such that the lifts in which they are fitted comply with these health and safety requirements.

### Article 6

- 1. Lifts and safety components that comply with the harmonized standards appointed by Our Minister our as such deemed to comply with article 5, second, respectively, third paragraph.
- **2.** The mutual similarity among a series of facilities or installations that comply with the essential health and safety requirements, in the sense of article 5, second paragraph, may be demonstrated with drawings or with the aid of the design.

#### Article 6a

- 1. Builder's lifts for persons comply with the manufacturing regulations of NEN-EN 12 159:2000.
- **2.** Builder's hoists comply with the following regulations:
  - a. they comply with the fundamental health and safety requirements concerning the design and constructions of machines and safety components of appendix I of directive no. 98/37/EG of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union of 22 June1998 re the mutual adjustment of the legislation of member states regarding machines (PbEG L 207). In addition to these requirements, hazards when stepping at height to and from the loading and unloading place and danger under the course of the lifting plane at the lowest station have been sufficiently prevented;
  - b. the speed with which they are moved is at most 0.2 m/s;
  - c. operation takes place by means of so-called vasthoudbesturing 'hold-on control';
  - d. agree with a characteristic type that has been subjected to a type investigation by an assessment body designated by a state that is party to the Agreement concerning the European Economic Area is and registered at the Commission of the European Communities for hoisting and lifting devices for lifting persons where there is a danger of a free fall of more than 3 meter.

### Article 7

The person responsible for the realization of the building or construction and the person who installs the lift in or upon the building or construction shall inform one another of the necessary information and will take adequate measures in order to guarantee the good functioning of the lift.

### CHAPTER III. ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION

- 1. Lifts subjected to an agreement assessment procedure in accordance with this article are fitted with the CE-marking in the sense of appendix III of the directive, in such case followed by the identification number of the designated notified body, and are accompanied by the EC-declaration of agreement in the sense of appendix II, sub B, of the directive, containing the information stipulated in said appendix II, sub B.
- **2.** The CE-marking referred to in the first paragraph may exclusively be given to:
  - a. lifts designed in agreement with a lift or model-lift for which a certificate of EC-type assessment in the sense of appendix V, sub B, of the directive has been issued, or in agreements with a lift for which a quality control system has been applied that complies with the requirements given in

appendix XIII of the directive, augmented by an inspection of the design, when this does not fully comply with the harmonized norms in the sense of article 6, first paragraph, and for which also the following procedures were followed during its construction, installation and inspection:

- 1° the procedure for final inspection, in the sense of appendix VI of the directive, or
- 2° the procedure for the quality control system, in the sense of appendix XII of the directive, or
- 3° the procedure for the quality control system, in the sense of appendix XIV of the directive;
- b. lifts that have undergone the unit assessment, in the sense of appendix X of the directive,;
- c. lifts for which the quality control system has been applied, in the sense of appendix XIII of the directive, augmented by an inspection of the design, when this does not fully comply with the harmonized norms in the sense of article 6, first paragraph.
- **3.** The technical dossier of a model lift in the sense of the second paragraph, sub *a*, must include indications of all variations between the model lift and the lifts to be derived therefrom, under notification of the maximum and minimum values.

# Article 9

- 1. Safety components subjected to an agreement assessment procedure in accordance with this article are fitted with the CE-marking in the sense of appendix III of the directive, in such case followed by the identification number of the designated notified body, and are accompanied by the EC-declaration of agreement in the sense of appendix II, sub A, of the directive, containing the information stipulated in said appendix II, sub A.
- 2. The CE-marking referred to in the first paragraph may exclusively be given to:
  - a. safety components designed in agreement with a model of a safety component for which a
    certificate of EC-type assessment in the sense of appendix V, sub A, of the directive has been
    issued and for which the production controls procedure, in the sense of appendix XI of the
    directive, is has been followed;
  - b. safety components designed in agreement with a model of a safety component for which a certificate of EC-type assessment in the sense of appendix V, sub A, of the directive has been issued and to which the quality control system procedure in the sense of appendix VIII of the directive, has been applied:
  - c. safety components for which the procedure of full quality control, in the sense of appendix IX of the directive, has been applied.

#### Article 10

- 1. The party issuing an EC-declaration of agreement in the sense of article 8, first paragraph, shall keep a copy thereof for a period of ten years after the manufacture of the safety component is discontinued.
- **2.** The party issuing an EC-declaration of agreement in the sense of article 9, first paragraph, shall keep a copy thereof for a period of ten years after the lift is brought to market.
- 3. Copies of the EC-declaration of agreement, and of the reports of the tests pertaining to the final inspection, in the sense of appendix VI of the directive, will be made available upon request by the manufacturer to the Commission of the European Communities, the member states or other designated notified bodys.

- Intended changes to a lift, the model of a lift or the model of a safety component for which a
  certificate of EC-type assessment has been issued, are immediately communicated to the designated
  notified body that issued the certificate.
- 2. The designated notified body referred to in the first paragraph assesses the changes and communicates whether the certificate of EC-type assessment for the altered lift or the altered model is valid or requires additions.
- 3. If the designated notified body referred to in the first paragraph judges that the changes may influence the agreement with the essential health and safety requirements in appendix I of the directive, the altered lift or the altered model will be submitted to the EC-type assessment in the sense of in appendix V of the directive and supplement will be issued to the original certificate.

# Article 12 [Lapsed as per 01-09-2003]

#### Article 13

The obligations of the articles 8, 9 and 11 also lie on whosoever builds a lift or safety component for own use.

### Article 14

Lifts and safety components fitted with CE-marking and accompanied by the EC-declaration of agreement are presumed to comply with article 5, second, respectively third paragraph.

### Article 15

- 1. The CE-marking, where appropriate followed by the identification number of the designated notified body, and the minimum instructions, plate and instructions, referred to in point 5 of appendix I of the directive, are installed in every cage in a clearly visible place.
- 2. The CE-marking, where appropriate followed by the identification number of the designated notified body, is placed on every safety component. If this is not possible, the CE-marking is placed on a label that is permanently attached to the safety component.
- 3. Lifts and safety components may not be given marking that may mislead third-parties with regard to the significance or graphical form of the CE-marking. Other markings may be placed on condition that they do not lessen the visibility and legibility of the CE-marking.

# Article 16 Revocation of certificate of EC-type assessment

The designated notified body shall revoke a certificate of EC-type assessment issued by it, if the essential health and safety requirements of appendix I of the directive have been changed such that the model does not comply with the altered requirements at the point in time that these rules are effective according to the directive.

- 1. Lifts will be assessed by a designated body prior to first use, at most twelve months after first use and subsequently periodically after a period of no more than eighteen months.
- 2. Lifts in the sense of the first paragraph, that will be used during the construction phase of the building or construction will be assessed by a designated body prior to first use and subsequently periodically after a period of no more than three months.
- 3. Builder's lifts for persons will be assessed by a designated body prior to first use at the location of use. Builder's lifts for persons and builder's hoists will be assessed by a designated body at the location of use no later than six months after first use and subsequently periodically after a period of no more than six months.
- **4.** Lifts, builder's lifts for persons and builder's hoists will be assessed by a designated body prior to use following every reparation or change.
- 5. The assessment prior to first use, in the sense of the first and second paragraph, will check the presence of the documents of the procedures proscribed in article 8 and whether article 19, third paragraph, has been complied with. The assessment prior to first use or prior to use after repairs or alterations in the sense of the third, respectively forth paragraph, will check if the manufacturing regulations under articles 5 of 6a applicable to the lifting device concerned have minimally been complied with.
- **6.** The subsequent assessments, referred to in the first, second and third paragraph, will check if the manufacturing regulations under articles 5 of 6a applicable to the lifting device concerned have minimally been complied with and, for lifts in the sense of the first paragraph, compliance with article 19, third paragraph, of this decree and article 7.21, first paragraph, of the Working Conditions Decree.

- 7. If the assessment shows that the assessment criteria have been satisfied, as referred to in the fifth or sixth, a certificate of approval is issued. This certificate also states the period for reassessment as stated in the first, second and third paragraph.
- **8.** As proof of approval, the body referred to in paragraphs one to four shall place a marking on a clearly visible place in the cage or on the lifting device, also stating the reassessment period referred to in the first, second and third paragraph.

# **CHAPTER IV. OPERATION AND USE**

#### Article 17a

For the application of this chapter, 'lift' is taken to include: builder's lift for persons and builder's hoist. In divergence to article 18, first paragraph, a builder's hoist is accompanied by a maintenance log in the sense of point 4.4.2b of appendix I of directive no. 98/37/EG of the European Parliament and the Council of 22 June 1998 the mutual adjustment of the legislation of Member States with regard to machines (PbEG L 207).

#### Article 18

- **1.** A lift is accompanied by an instruction book and a lift book in the sense of point 6.2 of appendix I of the directive. These are given in the Dutch language.
- 2. A safety component is accompanied by an instruction book in the sense of point 6.1 of appendix I of the directive.

### Article 18a

A lift that is not suitable for use is placed out of service in such a way that it cannot be reactivated by a lift user. All necessary safety measures have been taken to safeguard the protection of persons.

# Article 19

- 1. The person having in his possession a lift, in use or ready for use, or the person delivering or exhibiting a lift, shall ensure that said lift and the safety components fitted thereupon are kept in a good state of maintenance.
- 2. The person having in his possession or using a lift shall ensure that said lift and the safety components fitted thereupon are used in accordance with their destination.
- **3.** The person having in his possession a lift, in use or ready for use, shall ensure that the environment of the lift is designed and laid out in such a way that maintenance and assessment can take place safely.
- **4.** The first, second and third paragraph do not apply insofar the lift is either declared unfit, or rendered unready or is otherwise apparently no longer intended for use.

## Article 19a

The person having in his possession a lift without a closed cage, that is destined for the transport of goods under supervision of a person, shall insure that the lift is only operated by persons familiar with its operation.

# Article 19b

The person, operating, controlling or loading a lift shall ensure that:

- a. the permitted load and the number of persons allowed as indicated on notices in the cage are not exceeded;
- b. when transporting goods, ensure the most equitable distribution of the load over the cage's floor surface;
- c. for lifts with open cages, wagons for the transport of goods as well as movable parts of said wagons are secured in the cage.

#### Article 20

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The person having in his possession a lift, shall ensure:

- a. no ducts or installations are fitted in lift shafts that are not required for the lift's safety or operation;
- b. machine rooms, pulley rooms and shaft pits are not used as storage space for object that do not belong to the lift;
- c. machine rooms, pulley rooms and hatches, for purposes of inspection and maintenance are locked with a key;
- d. the keys referred to sub c are labeled and stored in a location exclusively accessible by authorized persons;
- e. Instructions are placed close to the tornmiddelen [tools for manually operating the lift??] indicating how the machine can be getornd [operated manually??].
- 2. Builder's lifts for persons or builder's hoists are operated by persons familiar with the controls.

#### Article 21

The person having in his possession a lift, that has been given a rejection mark shall ensure that the shaft doors of the lift cannot be opened without special tools and that on or near to every shaft door of the lift there is a clear and eye-catching notice indicating that the lift is out of service.

#### Article 21a

A builder's hoist is only used if:

- a. it is installed in such a way that the distance between the course of the lifting surface and any part of the building, installation or suchlike is no less than 0.5 m;
- b. the number of persons does not amount to more than is necessary for supervising the goods, with a maximum of three persons;
- c. the person in control during the moving of the lifting surface has a good view of all persons on the lifting surface.

#### Article 22

Article 4b, first to third paragraph, does not apply to the exhibiting of lifts of safety components that do not comply with this decree at trade fairs, exhibitions and demonstration, if a visible sign clearly indicates that they do not comply with this decree and are not for sale until they have been brought into agreement with this decree by the manufacturer or by his authorized representative established in the European Economic Area. All necessary safety measures for the protection of humans are taken at demonstrations.

### **CHAPTER V. DESIGNATION OF BODIES**

# Article 23. Criteria for designation

- Bodies that meet the following criteria can be designated as a designated body or designated notified body:
  - a. have legal personality;
  - b. have its seat or a location in the Netherlands;
  - c. is independent of those who have an interest in the result of the implementation of the tasks for which it is designated;
  - d. has sufficient expertise and equipment to implement the tasks for which it is designated to satisfaction;
  - e. has a sound administration, in which the data relating to and concerning the implementation of its tasks are recorded systematically. This information sufficiently allows the assessed lifts, builder's lifts for persons and builder's hoists and the quality systems inspected to be identified;
  - f. functions properly.
- 2. In addition to the first paragraph, only those institutions shall be eligible for designation as a designated notified body that minimally comply with the conditions set out in appendix VII of the

directive.

3. Further rules may be issued by ministerial regulation with regard to the first and second paragraph.

#### Article 24. Provision of data

1. The body shall annually provide to Our Minister a copy of the policy of the insurance taken for statutory liability against all risks subsequent to the exercise of the tasks for which it is designated.

### Article 25. Changes, termination of activity

- **1.** If a change takes place in the information on grounds of which the body is designated, the body shall immediately inform Our Minister hereof.
- 2. If a body intends to terminate one or more of the tasks for which it is designated the body shall immediately inform Our Minister and the certificate holders hereof. In such case, the body shall transfer the information referred to in article 23, first paragraph, sub e, to Our Minister or, following the permission of Our Minister and the certificate holders, to another body designated for the same tasks.

# Article 26. Request for designation

- 1. A request for designation is accompanied by proof that the criteria in the sense of article 23, first paragraph have been complied with, or in the case of article 23, second paragraph, also by proof that the conditions referred to in that paragraph have been met, or a declaration stating willingness to undergo an inspection into compliance with these criteria and/or conditions for ones own account.
- 2. A designation may be refused or may be amended or revoked if the statutory requirements or the requirements pursuant to this decree are not or not fully complied with. A designation can be revoked if the body does not perform activities for which it has been designated for a consecutive period of two years.
- **3.** Further rules may be issued by ministerial regulation with regard to the first and second paragraph.

### **CHAPTER VI. OTHER PROVISIONS**

# Article 27

An amendment of one of the appendixes to the directive referred to in this decree, becomes effective for the application of this decree and the rules based upon it as per the day upon which the amendment directive must have been implemented.

# **CHAPTER VII. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL CLAUSES**

### Article 27a

This decree also applies to persons having in their possession and using a lift in a private household.

#### Article 28

- 1. This decree does not apply to safety components that have the EEC-marking and are accompanied by the certificate of agreement in the sense of article 6 of the regulation of the State Secretary of Social Affairs and Employment of 16 June 1987 by implementation of the EEC-directives 84/528/EEC and 84/529/EEC (lifting and loading machinery; lifts with electric power) (State gazette. 1987, 124) and were brought onto the market and made operational before 1 July 1999, insofar as they have not yet been brought into agreement with article 5.
- **2.** For safety components, in the sense of the first paragraph, that are not subjected to this decree and which are given CE-marking pursuant to one or more other legal regulations, the documents, manuals or instructions accompanying these documents must state the references to the legal regulations underlying this as announced in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

### Article 28a

- 1. The articles 5 and 8 do not apply to that are manufactured in accordance with the manufacturing regulations, in the sense of article 28b and which were brought to market and made operational before 1 July 1999, insofar as they have not yet been brought in agreement with article 5.
- 2. With regard to the lifts, referred to in the first paragraph, upon which articles 5 and 8 are not applied and which are given CE-marking pursuant to one or more other statutory regulations, the documents, manuals or instructions accompanying these documents must state the references to the legal regulations underlying this as announced in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

### Article 28b

The articles 5 and 8 do not apply to lifts that were made operational between 16 August 1991 and 1 July 1999 and which fully comply with the requirements for manufacturing as stipulated in chapters 0 to 16 and appendix Z of NEN-EN 81-1, second edition, published in September 1986, as amended in December 1989, respectively NEN-EN 81-2, first edition, published in May 1989, on the understanding that in stead of point 13.1.1.4 of the standards, the following shall apply:

«The electric installation of lifts must comply with the harmonized documents of the European Committee for electro technical standards (CENELEC), as approved by the national committees for electronic

#### Article 28c

- 1. The articles 5 and 8 do not apply with regard to lifts made operational prior to 16 August 1991 and which:
  - a. fully comply with chapters II to X and XII of N 1081, published in December 1950, or

engineering of the countries of the European Economic Community ».

- b. comply with chapters II to X and XII of N 1081, published in December 1950, with the exception of articles 5, third paragraph, 8, second paragraph, 12, fifth paragraph, 13, second paragraph, first sentence, 16, first to fourth paragraph, 17, second and third paragraph, 19, first paragraph, 20, third paragraph, 21, last sentence, 22, second paragraph, 26, third paragraph, second sentence, and fourth paragraph, 27, third paragraph, 28, first paragraph, sub *a*, and second paragraph, sub *e*, 32, 34, first paragraph, sub *c*, and second paragraph, sub *a* and *b*, 41, third paragraph, sub *b*2, and fourth paragraph, 42, second paragraph, 43, first paragraph, 48, third paragraph, and 49, second and fourth paragraph, from the second sentence, if and insofar as they comply with the aforementioned provisions of N 1081 equivalent to the provisions of NEN 1081, published in December 1971, as amended in February 1989, on the understanding that if the cage doors of a lift are mechanically powered, the blocking installation in the cage may be left out, or
- c. fully comply with chapters II to X and XII of NEN 1081, published in December 1971, as amended in February 1989, or
- d. fully comply with chapters 0 to 16 of NEN-EN 81-1, first edition, published in June 1979.
- 2. In divergence to the first paragraph, preamble and parts a, b and c, the lifts referred to there, made operational on or after 24 January 1978, must as concerns cage access and the floor area of the cage comply with the relevant provisions of NEN-EN 81-1, first edition, published in June 1979, on the understanding that for lifts with hydraulic power in point 8.2.1 of that standard, in note c under table 1.1 instead of «0.6 m²», shall apply: 0.50 m².

The provisions of the previous sentence does not apply for lifts for which the order for delivery was given before 24 October 1978 and which were completed for first assessment before 24 July 1979.

# Article 28d

The articles 5 and 8 do not apply to lifts made operational between 16 August 1991 and 1 July1997, if the order for delivery was given before 16 August 1991, if and insofar they comply with article 28c, first paragraph, part c and also with the second paragraph of that article, or for a lift with electric power, to article 28c, first paragraph, part d.

# Article 28e

Exemptions to the Lift decree I with regard to lifts and builder's lifts for persons as granted by the Health and Safety Inspectorate pursuant to article 11 of the Hazardous Machinery Act, shall be based, after this decree becomes effective, on article 16, second paragraph, of the act.

[Amends the Lifts Decree.]

### Article 30

[Amends the Mining Regulations 964.]

### Article 31

[Amends the Mining Regulations Continental Shelf.]

### Article 32

[Amends the Buildings Decree.]

### Article 33

This decree becomes effective as of 1 July 1997 on the understanding that:

- a. article 29, part A, becomes effective as of the day after the date of publication of the Bulletin of Acts and Decrees in which this decree is published, with retroactive effect to 1 January 1995,
- b. article 29, part B, becomes effective as of 1 January 1997.

### Article 34

This decree will be referred to as: Commodities Act decree lifts.

We hereby order and command that this Decree and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum shall be published in the Bulletin of Acts and Decrees The Hague, 22 Augustus 1996

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The State Secretary of Social Affairs and Employment, F. H. G. de Grave

Issued the tenth of September 1996

The Minister of Justice, W. Sorgdrager